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CONFERENCE DISCUSSES DEVELOPMENT
OF UKRAINIAN CHEMICAL INDUSTRY

The Republic Conference on Problems of the Development of the Ukrainian Chemical Industry met in Kiev from 28 May to 30 May 1946. The conference was organized by the Kiev Division of the All-Union Chemical Society under D. I. Mendeleev and the Academy of Sciences Ukrainian SSR. Scientific workers, industrial representatives, and engineers of Ukrainian plants participated.

F. T. Golovanev, Vice-Minister of the Chemical Industry USSR, submitted a survey report, "A Plan of Measures for Restoration and Development of the Chemical Industry in the Ukraine." In discussing the report, A. N. Planovskiy, chief of the Technical Administration of the Moscow Chemical Industry, and A. Ya. Ryabenko, chief of "Glavazot," dwelt on problems of introducing new techniques into various branches of the chemical industry.

In his report, "The Mineral-Raw Material Base of the Ukrainian Chemical Industry," Prof L. D. Rozov gave the characteristics of the basic mineral raw-material resources. It was emphasized that it is necessary to intensify geological, geologico-technical and geologico-economic studies in order to attain full development of the Ukrainian chemical industry. This is particularly true in the extremely important, but still technically lagging, field of enriching mineral ores.

Ye. S. Burkser, Corresponding Member, Ukrainian Academy of Sciences, submitted a report, "Certain Problems of Mineral Technology in the Fourth Five-Year Plan of the Chemical Industry in Ukrainian SSR." Burkser noted that 73 chemical elements have been discovered in the Ukraine, of which 22 are being mined. Twenty six elements can be obtained including 10 from industrial tailings. The natural mineral and power resources of the Ukraine fully assure the development of various branches of the chemical industry.

In his report, "Industrial Problems of Organic Synthesis in the Ukraine," P. P. Karpukhin, Corresponding Member, Ukrainian Academy of Sciences, pointed out that the Ukraine has great possibilities for large-

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scale industrial development of organic synthesis. The main task is further improvement of the coal-coking process to increase the yields of chemical products, phenol, toluene, etc. Another important task is the construction of a basic organic synthesis combine and the utilization of new complex production of a number of very important products.

The report "The Five-Year Plan of Scientific Research Work for Chemical Institutes of the Ukrainian Academy of Sciences" was submitted by A. I. Kiprianov, Active Member, Ukrainian Academy of Sciences.

Prof V. S. Kiselev, Vice-President, All-Union Chemical Society and D. I. Mendeleev, submitted a voluminous report, "Tasks of the All-Union Chemical Society in Connection with Fulfilling the Five-Year Plan for Development of the Chemical Industry." The report was considered the fundamental work of the chemical industry in aiding the development of chemical science and industry, in aiding the development of chemical education, and in improving the qualifications of technical workers of Soviet chemistry.

The work of the conference provoked considerable interest, and Academicians Rodionov and Dubinin, Corresponding Member of the Ukrainian Academy of Sciences Brodskiy, Docent P. A. Zeligman, and workers of scientific research institutes, plants and laboratories took part in the discussion.

Important material was assembled in the conference's decisions, the utilization of which has great importance for further development of chemical science and the chemical industry in the Ukraine.

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